

RO/HY/HWD

22 March 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we rapidly approach two-thirds of the way through the school Year, we are grateful for your ongoing support of the school to ensure students receive the best education possible, in an active learning culture - that is Heath Park School. It has been an extremely busy half-term with high quality teaching and learning remaining at the forefront of everything that we do at our school. We have a lot to celebrate at Heath Park and we look forward to seeing our wonderful students **when they return to school on Monday 8th April 2024 at 8.45am.**

Interventions and Easter Revision

Following the mock exams, which our Year 11 students and Year 13 students sat in January, staff and students have been working hard together to ensure that exam success is the only choice this summer. Interventions take place every day for our Year 11 students and bespoke support is provided for our Year 13 students. For example, our Year 13s have study support sessions every Wednesday afternoon in our sixth form centre which is ably supported by staff who are experienced in teaching A Level subjects. In addition to these interventions, we have Easter revision sessions in place, for all Year 11 and Year 13 students – details can be seen on our website. All students have received this information, so we ask for your support in encouraging your child to attend Easter revision. Every extra effort, from your child over the coming weeks, will make a difference to how well they do in their final exams.

Final Exams 2024

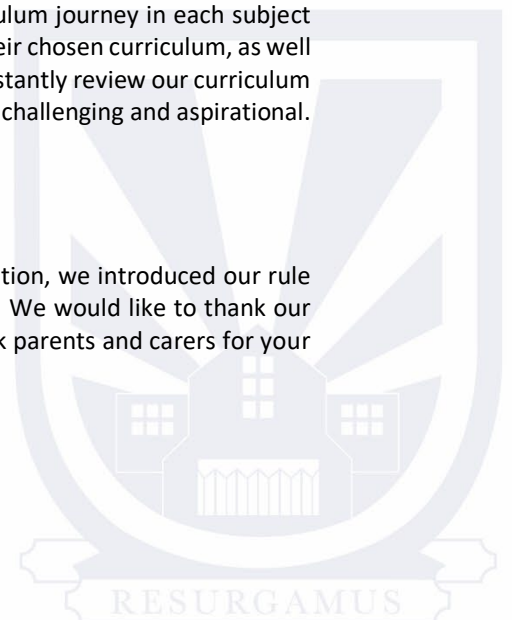
All Year 11 and Year 13 students have received their bespoke timetables for the summer exams. Our **final exam period starts on Wednesday 24th of April and concludes on Friday 21st June.** All details of the exam schedules can be found on our website. We understand that the exam period is a stressful period for all students. If you or your child have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our curriculum

As much as we are aware of the exam season, all students at Heath Park are our priority. Our mission statement of, 'Every Pupil Always in Focus' drives our curriculum at every key stage. With that in mind, we would like to direct you to our website where you will see the curriculum journey in each subject from Year 7 to Year 13. Each curriculum subject details the rationale for their chosen curriculum, as well as a curriculum roadmap of the journey. As a school of excellence, we constantly review our curriculum to ensure that your child takes part in a learning journey that is engaging, challenging and aspirational.

Mobile Phones

During this half term, following guidance from the Department for Education, we introduced our rule of no phones to be used at school, or on the site, during the school day. We would like to thank our students for how well they have adjusted to the changes, as well as thank parents and carers for your support.



Parent Surgeries

To further affirm our mission statement 'Every Pupil Always in Focus,' we carried out a number of Heath Park Surgeries. These surgeries have provided the opportunity for parents and carers to have one-to-one meetings with the Head of School, Mr Rollins, to discuss what your child likes most about being at Heath Park and discuss suggestions for further improvement. We would like to thank you for your attendance to the surgeries and the open communication you have provided which helps ensure that the high standards that we set for ourselves remains high and improves even further. We will be running four Heath Park Surgeries in the next half term on the following dates from 3:30pm to 6:00pm:

- Monday 22nd of April
- Thursday 25th of April
- Monday 13th of May
- Thursday 16th of May

Please see below the link for booking into the surgeries after Easter. We look forward to seeing you and carrying on our discussions about how we can work together to make sure that Heath Park remains as one of the beacon schools in the city.

<https://www.heathpark.net/parent-surgeries/>

Go4Schools

Across our Trust, we will no longer be using Go4Schools as part of our Management Information System. We will be moving to a new system called Arbor, of which we will launch the Parent App in the next half term. In the interim period, all communications to parents and carers will be via email and text. More details about Arbor will be shared in separate correspondence from Mr Rollins very soon.

Heath Park's Got Talent

Last Thursday 14th March we held our annual 'Heath Park's Got Talent Show.' It was absolutely exhilarating to see such amazing young performers on stage, showcasing their phenomenal talents. We would like to thank Miss Thomas and the Performing Arts department for putting together such a great show and, above all, we would like to thank our wonderful students for putting in the work to perform to such a high standard – well done.

Easter Community Activities

Please keep an eye on our website regarding events and opportunities that are available in the city during the Easter break period. We already have many events and will update the website as more information is received.

Key dates for your diary (Summer Term 2024):

Please note dates for your diary for the summer term of 2024.

Summer Term

- Monday 8 April 2024 – Start of the Summer Term.
- Thursday 19 April 2024 – Year 12 Parents' Evening.
- Wednesday 24 April – Exam season starts.
- Monday 6 May 2024 – May Bank Holiday.
- Friday 24 May 2024 – End of Summer Half Term 1.
- Monday 3 June 2024 – Start of Half Term 2 of Summer Term.
- Thursday 20 June 2024 – Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Evening.
- Friday 21 June 2024 – Exam season ends.
- Monday 1 July 2024 – Start of new timetable.
- Monday 1 July 2024 – Sixth Form Induction Day.
- Friday 19 July 2024 – End of Summer Term, for students.

We wish you and your families a restful Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Mr Rollins
Head of School



Mrs Holloway
Executive Headteacher